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## Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding Areas

Greetings! I missed seeing everyone when we had to cancel our September meeting due to the hazardous road conditions all around our area, and hoped that you were all safe. Our hearts and thoughts go out to any of our FFNC members or relatives of members who were severely impacted by the recent flooding. I have heard from a few members in the Estes and Glen Haven area who were evacuated, some by zip line and helicopter, but are safe. Unfortunately, many of our newest members from the former FFRM who live up Highway 34 will not be able to attend our monthly meetings for some time due to road closures. If any of you hear of ways we can provide support for our friends up the canyon, or any extended family of our members, please let me know.

Currently, 8 FFNC and 18 other FF ambassadors are traveling with Cinda Clark on the Jewels of Central Europe exchange. I know we're all looking forward to hearing of their adventures and seeing their photos! Thanks to Cinda for your work as ED in organizing what looked like a very interesting itinerary.

Exchange requests for 2015 need to be selected at the October meeting to meet the FFI Nov. 1, 2013 deadline. if you plan to be an active participant in outbound international exchanges in 2015, please be thinking about countries you'd like for us to request. There will be an opportunity at the October meeting to submit your top 3 choices. Lists will be available to show which countries have clubs, and the projected availability of those clubs. It might be helpful if you visit the FFI website [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org) ahead of the meeting. Look under Club Resources. From that tab you can search by region to find clubs throughout the world.



*Marcia Ross*

**Next FFNC Meeting:**  
**Friday, Oct. 11, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**First Christian Church**  
**2000 N Lincoln; Loveland**

**Harry Love**  
**will present a**  
**program about**  
**Switzerland:**  
**“Hiking the**  
**Swiss Haute Route”**

## OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM: SWITZERLAND



Loveland resident Harry Love will be the speaker for the 7 p.m. October 11 FFNC meeting, presenting a program entitled “Hiking the Swiss Haute Route-Verbier to Zermatt”. He hopes to convey what it was like to trek the Alpine mountain passes, enjoying the scenery, culture and hospitality they found in Switzerland.

Harry and his wife Jody have traveled extensively both through their careers with a French oil-field services company called Schlumberger Limited, and for personal pleasure. They’ve traveled across the United States and in 30 foreign countries around the globe. Active community volunteers, they are especially committed to helping with projects that provide opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills required for self-sufficiency.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Below are several opportunities to help our club---please get involved!

\*We are in need of 2 people to take over the important **Hospitality Committee**. Marta Aguayo has decided she can no longer be part of FFNC. Rona Baer generously consented to help out for Oct. & Nov., but Mary Riney would like a replacement. We need at least one more volunteer to finish the year. Then we need two helpers for 2014. These folks make sure we have drinks and snacks and appropriate kitchen supplies for each meeting, and do the set-up and clean-up of the kitchen area before/after meetings.

\*We need 5-6 volunteers for planning & organizing the upcoming **December 13 Holiday Party**. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the October meeting. It’s time to make restaurant reservations if necessary and to organize the activities for this fun and always well-attended event. This committee won’t need many planning meetings, but is very important. Please sign up to help!

\*We are still in need of one or two members to step up and volunteer to be **Exchange Directors** for the **inbound exchange** from **Curitiba, Brazil** next August. Please find an ED application on our website, or contact Marcia Ross or Marilyn Garner for an ED application. It’s time to start getting our plans together to welcome our friends from Brazil!

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR MYANMAR



You can still bring new school supplies to the October meeting for Dot and ambassadors to take to Myanmar on the next return visit there this winter. You can also donate cash that will go toward an extensive book list the teachers have submitted. As Dot and others are working to establish the Trusted Partnerships with 3 cities in Myanmar, let’s show their kids our willingness to help them with their studies through our generous donations.



## EXCHANGE TO KIEL, GERMANY & EXTENSION CRUISE/TOUR MAY 21-JUNE 8, 2014

Join us for a special home-hosted week May 24-31 with FF Kiel (exact dates pending confirmation from the Kiel Club) followed by an exciting 7 night fjord cruise tour visiting ports in Denmark and Norway. We'll also spend three days exploring Hamburg, Germany, making this an 18 day adventure.

Kiel, a major maritime center, is the capital and most populous city in northern Germany. It is 56 miles north of Hamburg, on the southwest shore of the Baltic Sea.

### N. Europe Fjords Cruise May 31-June 8



### FNNC Exchange with FF of Kiel May 24- 31



For further information about FF Kiel Club and the region visit:

<http://www.friendshipforce.eu/kiel/english/>

**Estimated cost for the entire 18 day experience is approximately \$4000.** This includes: airfare, transfers, Hamburg hotels, FF Kiel homestay & FFI fees, cruise leaving from Kiel, 2 cruise excursions, round-trip DIA shuttle, all gratuities, taxes and fees.

Additional costs: travel insurance (required); incidental expenses, host gifts, a few meals, and optional cruise excursions.

We expect this exchange & tour to fill quickly. FFNC members may apply immediately by submitting a completed ambassador application and a \$565 deposit check payable to FFNC. Access an ambassador application on our website: [www.ffncolo.com](http://www.ffncolo.com) or copy and paste this link into your browser:

[www.ffncolo.comFormsAmbassador\\_Application\\_and\\_Agreement.pdf](http://www.ffncolo.comFormsAmbassador_Application_and_Agreement.pdf)

Bring your completed application & check to the Oct. 11 meeting, or mail to:

Marcia Ross 7020 Avondale Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80525. Beginning October 22, any available space in this exchange/tour will be opened up to members of other Friendship Force clubs.

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## PENTICTON-OKANAGAN FRIENDS VISIT NORTHERN COLORADO

BY KAY THOMAS

Kay Thomas and Barb Turnbull enjoyed hosting three members from the Penticton/Okanagan Valley FF of British Columbia. All from the city of Oliver, Sharon Boothman, Mavis Grant, (ED when we went to Canada) and Louise Christofferson joined us in Northern Colorado for a wonderful week. Barb T, Lynn T and Kay stayed with these ladies on the Canada exchange 2 years ago and we were delighted they chose to visit us the first of September.

We eased them into our altitude and took them to Ft. Collins the first day to the CSU Trial Gardens, then to New Belgium and a tour of both Ft Collins and Loveland. Thursday was Loveland Day to Art Castings, then to Bronze Services, a picnic at Fairgrounds Park and a tour of the recently restored Milner House. We showed off Lake Loveland, Benson Park and sculptures within the town, as well as our Transformations and our Hearts.



## PENTICTON-OKANAGAN FRIENDS VISIT NORTHERN COLORADO BY KAY THOMAS

Friday we spent all day at Rocky Mountain National Park and in the Estes area. After our recent flood, those memories that day will stay with us forever. We spent a day in the Boulder area, visiting Celestial Seasoning, Leanin Tree, and the Pearl Street Mall, and then had an afternoon drive in the Poudre Canyon. All of the Ambassadors that ventured to Canada came to dinner Saturday evening and we had a nice visit.

Sharon is quite a hiker so Marcia, Nancy and Barb all hiked in the mountains, to Bridal Veil Falls between Glen Haven and Estes Park on Monday.



It was raining when we took our Canadian guests back to the airport on Tuesday, which was the beginning of our week of floods and devastation in Colorado. We will all remember this week with memories of scenery that may never be the same again.



## EXCHANGE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013

The Friendship Force of Northern Colorado will hold an Exchange Director Training Seminar on Saturday, October 26 at the 1st Christian Church in Loveland. The team of trainers will include Betty Jean Demersseman, Marcia Ross, Marilyn Garner & Cindy Paulson. The leadership seminar will include: update of FFI guidelines, policies & fees, checklist of ED responsibilities, insurance issues, itinerary planning, budgeting and financial work for exchanges.

All FFNC members are welcome to register and attend at no charge. Training will prepare people for all levels of involvement in Exchange Leadership: Exchange Planning committee, Exchange Director and assistant Exchange Director, activity planners/leaders, host and dayhost responsibilities.

13 people have already registered for this ED training. We will begin at 9 AM, and be finished at noon. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided.

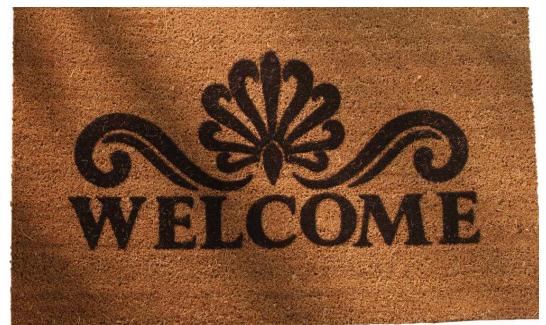
You can register by emailing your name and contact information to:  
Kthomasloveland@comcast.net or call Marilyn Garner at 493-4137 with questions.

## HOSTING FOR POST-FFI CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE



Following the November FFI conference in New Orleans, many Friendship Force clubs from around the USA will have international guests visit to participate in Thanksgiving celebrations, make friends and get to know a new area. While we had hoped for a larger contingent to come to us in Northern Colorado, we are pleased that we will have two guests from the Gold Coast Club in Australia. They'll arrive on Nov. 26 and be here until Dec. 1.

Please contact Ed or Nancy Brigden if you can offer help with any day hosting or taking part in activities/events with our guests. One guest is a tennis player and it would be terrific if we could match her with a tennis buff in our club. Other possibilities might be participating in the Thanksgiving dinner, attending a show or concert, hosting a lunch or dinner in your home, visit to a museum or shopping area, etc. Call Brigdens at 352-3829 or e-mail brigden@comcast.net if you can participate or offer help.



## EXCHANGE & EVENT CALENDAR

### Outbound to: DISCOVER EUROPE

Sept 23-Oct. 8, 2013

“Jewels of Central Europe”

Krakow, Vienna, Bratislava,  
Prague, Budapest

ED Cinda Clark

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### Outbound to: FFI World Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana

November 22-25, 2013

### Incoming Guests from Gold Coast, Australia

Thanksgiving Homestay Nov. 26-Dec. 1

Contact Ed & Nancy Bridgen to participate

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### Outbound to:

Kiel, Germany + Cruise/Tour

May 21, 2014—June 9, 2014

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### Incoming Curitiba, Brazil

August 2014

ED needed

### Outbound to: St. Louis, MO

Fall 2014

ED needed

### To FFI World Conference

Auckland, New Zealand

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